

Amendments to the Claims:

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Please amend claim 1 as follows.

Please cancel claims 6 and 8-15 without prejudice.

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) An adjuvant comprising an attenuated toxin (i) having a residual toxic activity of less than one-two thousandth (<1/2000) that of the natural toxin corresponding thereto and (ii) having an activity of enhancing production of an antibody specific to an antigen other than the attenuated toxin, wherein said attenuated toxin which retains serine residues, glutamic acid residues, and lysine residues of the natural toxin in its amino acid sequence, except that and having a formalin molecule is bound to one or more [[a]] lysine residue residues of the toxin, and wherein said toxin is selected from the group consisting of cholera toxin, pertussis toxin, heat-labile toxin of pathogenic *E. coli*, *Staphylococcus* α toxin and β toxin, and thermostable hemolytic toxin of *Vibrio parahaemolyticus*.

2. (Original) The adjuvant of claim 1, wherein said toxin is a mutant having an amino acid sequence of the corresponding natural toxin wherein one or more amino acid residues are substituted, inserted, deleted, and/or added, and having an adjuvant activity.

3. (Original) The adjuvant of claim 1, wherein said toxin is a natural toxin.

Claims 4-6 (Canceled)

7. (Original) The adjuvant of claim 6, wherein said residual toxic activity is less than one-ten thousandth (1/10,000) that of said corresponding natural toxin.

Claims 8-15 (Canceled)